Districts were transferred to the Madras Government along with the Muzrai institutions therein.

850. During the year the Madras Government took over the management of the following villages in Ramanad District under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act of 1948 :—

1. Pullungudi. 2. Pannandai. 3. Thiruvadi.
4. Chittudayam. 5. Palangulam.

851. Necessary arrangements were made in all places of jatra and cattle shows, to provide good drinking water, light and sanitary convenicnces.

852. Admission to Sri Chamarajendra Veda Maha Patasala, Bangalore, was thrown open to candidates of all communities who believe in the Vedas.

853. "Maha Chandi Yaga" was performed at Shankar Mutt, Bangalore City, for the prosperity of the country and a grant of Rs. 100 from the closing balance of the Chattram Savings Fund was sanctioned.

854. "Parjanya Japa" and "Maha Rudrabhisheka" were performed at Paschimavahini in May 1950 at a cost of Rs. 4,000, the entire cost being met out of the public subscriptions.

855. For the conservation of the Sri Gomateswaraswami Image at Sravanabelagola, a special Research Committee of five members to examine the condition of the Gomateswara Image was sanctioned in August 1949.

(ii) Archæology.

856. Inspection and survey tours were undertaken in parts of Bangalore, Hassan, Kadur, Tumkur, Shimoga and Mysore Districts. Several inscriptions were collected and important sculptures, monuments and sites were noticed. Exploration.

857. In addition to the inspection and study of ancient temples the work of exploration of ancient sites was also done wherever possible with promising results.

858. A very important discovery in the field of Numismatics was made near Tirthahalli in the Shimoga District. An ancient site at a distance of about five miles from the place accidentally yielded, while laying a road, a pot containing 61 silver coins of the Kshatrapa period. This find is the first of its kind in the State and is expected to throw valuable light on the history of Mysore during the early centuries of the Christian era.

859. Some new inscriptions were discovered during the year. The most noteworthy of these being a large inscription on a boulder near Ramadevara Oddu, belonging to the Hoysala King Narasimha and dated in the Saka year 1208. The text of tamil and grantha inscriptions of the Kolar and Bangalore Districts were revised and the manuscript of the same is ready for publication.

860. The question of preservation of megalithic and other ancient sites is under consideration.

(iii) Government Press.

861. The expenditure on the Government Central Press at Bangalore and the Branch Press at Mysore was Rs. 4,89,907 (Rs. 5,33,651) and Rs. 82,842 (Rs. 1,10,489) respectively.

862. The amount realised on account of subscription to the "Mysore Gazette" and advertisement and publication charges was Rs. 15,763 (Rs. 18,048).

Government Central Book Depot.

863. The publications of the Education Department, the Publicity Office, the Palace, the High Court of Mysore, the Red Cross Society, etc., were stocked and sold as usual at the Book Depot. The sale of educational publications was carried on through 512 (375) recognised book-sellers and the official publications at the Government Central Book Depot, Bangalore. The number of subscribers to the High Court Report was 58 (50). The net amount realised by the sale of books and other publications at the Depot was Rs. 2,17,031 (Rs. 2,15,374). The total issues during the year amounted to Rs. 2,68,099 (Rs. 2,53,676).

Government Branch Press, Mysore.

864. The usual work in connection with the Dasara and Birthday sessions, the work of the Mysore University and Railways, the work of the Oriental Research Institute and the Palace and the text-books of the Education Department were executed by the Branch Press, Mysore. Besides, the question papers pertaining to the Public Examinations, terminal and promotional examinations of the University and its constituent Colleges. Education Department including High Schools, Training College, institutions of Civil Station, Bangalore, Indian University and of the Chief Accounts Officer, Mysore State Railway were also attended to during the year.